

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 331. A resolution designating June 2004 as "National Safety Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 346

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements.

S. 1129

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1129, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to establish new special immigrant categories.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1734

At the request of Mrs. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1734, a bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to expand or add coverage of pregnant women under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 2007

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2007, a bill to provide better protection against bovine

spongiform encephalopathy and other prion diseases.

S. 2059

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2059, a bill to improve the governance and regulation of mutual funds under the securities laws, and for other purposes.

S. 2179

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2179, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Reverend Oliver L. Brown.

S. 2193

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2193, a bill to improve small business loan programs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2193, *supra*.

S. 2236

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2236, a bill to enhance the reliability of the electric system.

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At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2238, a bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made.

S. 2252

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2252, a bill to increase the number of aliens who may receive certain non-immigrant status during fiscal year 2004 and to require submissions of information by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

S. 2261

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as cosponsor of S. 2261, a bill to expand certain preferential trade treatment for Haiti.

S. 2267

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2267, a bill to amend section 29(k) of the Small Business Act to establish funding priorities for women's business centers.

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2267, *supra*.

S. 2278

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2278, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 3 circuits, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 78

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 78, a concurrent resolution condemning the repression of the Iranian Baha'i community and calling for the emancipation of Iranian Baha'is.

S. RES. 202

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 202, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the genocidal Ukraine Famine of 1932-33.

S. RES. 328

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 328, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the continued human rights violations committed by Fidel Castro and the Government of Cuba.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 2280. A bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I rise to introduce today the National Ocean Exploration Program Act to expand exploration and knowledge of our Nation's oceans. This bill is cosponsored by Senators HOLLINGS and INOUE.

The National Ocean Exploration Program Act will create better coordination of ocean exploration and research between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Science Foundation, and other appropriate Federal agencies.

The purposes of the program are to expand ocean exploration to discover new marine substances that potentially have therapeutic benefits; to study unique marine ecosystems, organisms, and the geology of the world's oceans; and to maximize ocean research effectiveness by integrating multiple scientific disciplines in the ocean science community.

There will be a focus on remote ocean research and exploration, in particular, deep marine regions, specifically, hydrothermal vents communities and seamounts. More research on these areas, where organisms exist in highly toxic environments, may bring significant scientific and medical breakthroughs.